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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 23

1. NYT (PAGE 3) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS ON THE EVE OF 25TH SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS MOSCOW COUNTS GAINS AND SET-BACKS.

2. NYT (PAGE 3) BRIEF REUTERS ITEM FROM MOSCOW REPORTS ANDREI AMALRIK DETAINED BRIEFLY BY POLICE. ALSO SUN.

3. NYT (PAGE 13) JOHN FINNEY SAYS CIA IS COMING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT HAS BEEN UNDERESTIMATING, PERHAPS BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT, THE SHARE OF SOVIET ECONOMIC RESOURCES BEING DEVOTED TO DEFENSE.

4. NYT (PAGE 13) UPI FROM MOSCOW REPORTS SCIENCE MINISTER OF REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES AT HIS OWN REQUEST -- USUALLY AN INDICATION HE HAS BEEN FIRED.

5. NYT (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "MOSCOW'S 25TH CONGRESS" SAYS 25TH CONGRESS IS LIKELY TO BE STEREOTYPED AND SURPRISE-UNCLASSIFIED

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FREE MEETING BUT EXTERNAL CALM, ORDER AND STABILITY OF

SOVIET UNION DO NOT REFLECT REALITY SUCH AS REALIZATION
BY MANY CITIZENS THAT THEIR LEADERS CAN LAND ROCKETS ON

VENUS BUT CAN'T GROW ENOUGH GRAIN TO FEED SOVIET PEOPLE
OR THEIR WONDER AT WHY MILLIONS OF UKRAINIANS, LATVIANS,
JEWS, ETC. REMAIN SUBJUGATED IN ERA WHEN COLONIALISM HAS
BEEN DESTROYED ALMOST EVERYWHERE ELSE.

6. WP (PAGE 1) ROBERT TOTH SAYS SOVIET AND AMERICAN
SCIENTISTS ARE RUNNING A CLOSE RACE TO TAME FUSION TO
MAKE ELECTRICITY AS THE SOVIETS ANNOUNCED A BREAKTHROUGH
EARLIER THIS MONTH.

7. WP (PAGE 17) MURRAY SEEGER FROM BRUSSELS SAYS
WORLD CONGRESS ON JEWRY AIDS EFFORT FOR SOVIET JEWS.

8. SUN (PAGE 4) HAL PIPER SAYS TO DROWN OUT WORLD
CONGRESS SOVIETS ORGANIZED COLOSSAL PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN OF VILIFICATION, PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

9. SUN (PAGE 4) REPORTS FROM MOSCOW SUN'S BUREAU THERE
HAD, BY THE WEEKEND, RECEIVED FIVE LETTERS SIGNED BY
SEVEN PERSONS WHO SAID THEY WERE SOVIET JEWS OUTRAGED
AT WESTERN CHARGES THAT JEWS SUFFER DISCRIMINATION IN
SOVIET UNION.

10. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "MR. BREZHNEV'S CONGRESS" SAYS
IT PROMISES TO BE AT ONCE A CULT FESTIVAL FOR BREZHNEV
AND A VALEDICTORY FOR THIS AILING, 69-YEAR-OLD MASTER OF
SURVIVAL.

11. SUN (PAGE B-1) HAL PIPER SAYS LENINGRAD MUSEUM OF
RELIGION AND ATHEISM DESIGNED ACCORDING TO ITS DIRECTOR,
TO SHOW TRUE HISTORY OF CHURCH IN SOCIETY AND ART AND
PRESENT SCIENTIFIC PICTURE OF RELIGION HAS DECIDED
TILT.

12. SUN (PAGE C-14) REPORTS SOVIET GRANTS MRS. GORIN,
WIFE OF VIOLINIST WITH BALTIMORE SYMPHONY, VISA.
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13. WSJ (OP-ED PAGE) PAUL MCCracken'S "THE FUTURE OF
U.S. SOVIET TRADE" NOTES THAT AS A TRADING PARTNER WITH
THE U.S., RUSSIA GENERALLY RANKS DOWN WITH TAIWAN OR
PERU AND DISCUSSES THE BARRIERS TO INCREASED IMPORT-EXPORT
VOLUME.

14. STAR (PAGE 1) HENRY BRADSHER SAYS 25TH CONGRESS

NOT EXPECTED TO PRODUCE MAJOR EXCITEMENT, BUT WILL GIVE
OUTSIDE IMPORTANT INSIGHTS INTO LEADERSHIP WHOSE AVERAGE

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